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## TEXAS

## TURNED

## LOOSE!

THE CONVENTION SPLITS  
AND EACH FACTION  
WILL NOMINATE  
ITS FAVORITE.

## A Pandemonium.

The Scene Beggars Description.

Special to THE HERALD.

Houston, Texas, Aug. 16th,—

The democratic state convention met here to-day and the scenes enacted beggar description. Webb Finley opened it with a flowery speech which was well received by the 3,000 people and in due time the selection of a chairman came up. This was a prize both the Hogg and Clark factions sought and it was the rock on which the democracy of Texas subsequently split. Tom Brown, of Grayson nominated J. L. Shepard of Camp county for the office, and instantly the hall rang with cheers from the Hogg men.

Senator Matlock of Fort Worth nominated Jonathan Lane of LaGrange and immediately the building shook with Clark enthusiasm. The war thereupon commenced and all hinged on the result. The contending parties met each other face to face and it was evident to every body that the side which seconded the chairman was sure to rule the convention. From the start the Hogg men were aggressive and determined to run things to suit themselves. Matlock felt their pulse by moving that a *viya voce* vote be taken on the election of temporary chairman and the chair declared the motion out of order. He then appealed from the decision of the chair, but Finley refused to entertain the ap-

peal and ordered the roll of counties called as to whether Shepard or Lane should preside. Matlock then rose to a point of order but Finley declined to recognize him. He asked several questions but the chair would not deign to answer them.

Judge Miller of Llano denounced the conduct of the chair as undemocratic and unjust. Capt. Elgin of Rockport hissed it down as tyrannical. Back Walton, the Austin lawyer, said it was infamous and Capt. Donovan of Eagle Lake and Judge Alexander of Waco declared it was a disgrace to true democracy.

Meanwhile, the scenes that took place will never be portrayed. For two long hours the sweltering mass of humanity in the hall cheered and hissed and yelled. As many as ten speakers talked themselves hoarse, but never a word they said was heard, it was all confusion and pandemonium, and while it lasted the convention was nothing more than a wild mob.

It was plain to all that Chairman Finley was there to run the machine in Hogg's interest, and many delegates on the floor publicly cursed him for his arbitrary ruling, until the Clark men became furious, and amid thundering cheers Matlock announced that the Clark delegates had decided not to submit further to the oppression of the other faction.

Thereupon, a bolt occurred and immediately indescribable excitement in which an open row seemed imminent. The Clark men made Jonathan Lane their temporary chairman, while the Hogg men elected Shepard to preside over their delegations.

The rival chairmen occupied seats at either end of the platform, and in the same hall and by the same party, two separate conventions were in full blast. During the proceedings the seething, howling, scrambling mob was continuously on deck, and no business was transacted except the appointment of a committee on credentials.

Both sides held meetings again to night, and now that the split has occurred, and each faction is free to nominate its favorite, it is likely the convention will get through tomorrow night.

Texas is now turned loose, and the people must decide whether Clark or Hogg shall be our next governor.

Capt. J. C. Hutcheson was nominated to-day for congress to succeed the Hon. Chas. Stewart.

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### ANARCHISTS AGAIN.

#### Another Plot To Assassinate Chairman Frick Comes To Light.

Pittsburg, Pa., Aug. 11.—The Pittsburg Post will publish a story tomorrow morning to the effect that the police discovered another anarchistic plot to assassinate H. C. Frick, chairman of the Carnegie company. The intended assassin is an anarchist, Aaron Steinn of New York, who is a friend of Berkman. Steinn has been in the city several days and it is claimed has been waiting for a favorable opportunity to kill his victim. The plot was hatched in Vienna and given the New York police by Vice Consul Eberhardt of Austria. The information was given Eberhardt by an Austrian who arrived in New York recently with letters from high police officials of Vienna stating that the Austrian's services and stories could be relied upon. The New York police at once notified the Pittsburg authorities and a close watch for Aaron Steinn is being kept about all the anarchist resorts. The police have a good description of the fellow and will arrest him on sight.

As a result of these disclosures additional guards have been placed about the Carnegie building and the Frick residence and detectives accompany him wherever he goes. Frick regards these precautions unnecessary but his friends insist upon this protection.

In this connection it can be said Secretary Lovejoy has been warned that he has only until the 15th instant to live. Other officials of the Carnegie company have also received threatening letters.

The police are satisfied, however, that they can frustrate the plans of the anarchists.—Houston Post.

### United States Presidents.

Of the twenty-three presidents fourteen were of English ancestry, three Scotch, four Scotch-Irish, one Welsh and one Dutch. U. S. Grant was the youngest when inaugurated, being then 47 years old, and Grover Cleveland was next, 48. William Henry Harrison was the oldest, 68; George Washington was 57, Lincoln 52, Garfield 49, Jackson 62, Jefferson 58. Seven of the presidents were Virginians by birth, four were born in Ohio, two in Massachusetts, three in North Carolina, one in Vermont, one in New Hampshire, one in Pennsylvania, one in New Jersey, one in Kentucky and two in New York.

### Stuffed With Charcoal.

Vienna, August 12.—A clerk in this city named Johann Singer, who has been out of employment for some time, and who saw no means of supporting a woman with whom he was living and by whom he had three children, determined to kill them and then commit suicide. The means employed was burning charcoal. He started a fire in the room in which the woman and children were asleep, and, inhaling the fumes, they soon died. Singer himself remained in the room, and from all appearance he had died shortly after his victims.—Ex

### The Blue Vetch.

A particularly beautiful wild flower from the Old World, now getting common in New England and giving pleasure to the lover of wild flower scenery, is the blue vetch, *Vicia cracca*. I was particularly glad to see it come off a conqueror in a battle with the well known couch grass, which usually acts the Goliath among other vegetation. It usually crowds out everything, and our Pennsylvania farmer regards it as one of his worst enemies.

On the seacoasts of New England, however, the yield of this grass is simply enormous, and the agriculturist employs it largely for hay. Its roots are annoying to the more southern farmer, as every little piece grows. It can never be got rid of. But here, where the same field is mowed for an indefinite number of years, it is of no consequence how the roots hold on. The more tenacious the better. But it is such a bold warrior among vegetation that nothing can grow where it grows, and a field of couch grass looks more like a field of some light kind of wheat under a careful farmer's hands.

Timothy grass here will not stand the attacks. Battalions of weeds contest the field with it. Couch grass alone sends forth defiance. But the blue vetch is a masterpiece. It grows up with the grass and at length overtops it, and forms beautiful blue patches over the whole field, looking like bright cerulean lakes over a gray arid plain. Fortunately the farmer does not mind, as it is as agreeable to the cattle as the grass. It is one of those rare instances where great beauty and utility go hand in hand together, and strike up a truly happy marriage.—Thomas Meehan in Philadelphia Ledger.

### The Chinese Cuisine.

"In passing through Chinese towns," said the Rev. A. T. Wright, of Milwaukee, to the writer, "the astonishingly large number of cookshops interests and attracts the foreign passer by. One's curiosity is often aroused to know the ingredients of the messes he sees being concocted. These places are unpleasantly pressed upon the pedestrian, for the front is invariably open to the street, and in order to tempt customers by the sight and smell of viands the cook prepares his dishes over a charcoal fire in full view, and sets samples of his materials and his bill of fare out on a show-board before him. Tables and stools are placed in the rear, and here the hungry may banquet.

"The Frenchman is not the only one who has his frogs' legs and snail soup, for the Celestial, too, revels in these dainties and many more stranger than these. Snakes and eels alike know the fryingpan, and when skinned and dressed appear very much alike. Many varieties of nonpoisonous snakes are used for food. Silkworm grubs are regarded as a choice morsel and are stewed in lard and eaten as a relish, and a multitude of other insects are deemed edible."—Chicago Inter Ocean.

### She Purchased Then.

She wasn't exactly old, but the discriminating observer could see that she hadn't seen the inside of a schoolroom for at least ten years. The shopman threw down piece after piece of fleecy white material before her critical eyes, but none of them seemed to claim her unreserved admiration. She was taking a great deal of his time and the silk counter was crowded, so he decided to play his trump card.

Holding up a length of crepe de chine so that it fell in a perfect cataract of shimmering folds, he remarked, reflectively, as if to himself alone, "The best thing for graduating purposes we have had in the store this year." The effect was instantaneous, and in another minute the tactful salesman was measuring off a full pattern for his well pleased patron.—Kate Field's Washington.

### Old English Meadow.

Probably there are no meadows in the world so good as those in England or so old. Yet from the early Anglo-Saxon times old meadow has been distinguished from "pastures" and has always been scarce. Two-thirds of what is now established meadow land still shows the marks of ridge and furrow, and from the great time required to make a meadow—ten years at least on the best land, a hundred on the worst—men have always been reluctant to break up old pasture.

The ancient meadows, with their great trees and close, rich turf, are the sole portion of the earth's surface which modern agriculture respects and leaves in peace. Hence the excellence of the meadows of England and the envy of the American.—London Spectator.

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